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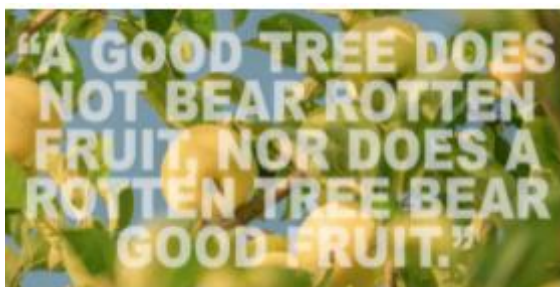
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The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

27	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+John Bruner (Debbie Bruner)
27	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Marlyn Morrison (Nieces & Nephews)
27	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
28	Mon			No Mass today
01	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....For an end to religious persecutions
02	Wed	7:30 am	(F)	Ash Wednesday- Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
02	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Ash Wednesday.....+Irvin Sobba (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
02	Wed	5:30 pm	(M)	Ash Wednesday.....For World Peace
02	Wed	7:15 pm	(P)	Ash Wednesday.....For Rain
03	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Thursday after Ash Wednesday.....+Mark Verhoff (Steve & Judy Dewell)
04	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	First Friday.....For an end to Human Trafficking
04	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	First Friday.....(Spanish)...For vocations to the Priesthood & religious life
04	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	Stations of the Cross & Mass.....+Mark Low (Peggy Higgins)
05	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	First Saturday.....For an end to the Pandemic
05	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	First Sunday of Lent.....+Bill & Marilyn Dewell (Dewell Family)
06	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	First Sunday of Lent.....+Marcello & Helen Reynozo (Sarah Jordan)
06	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	First Sunday of Lent.....+Marlyn Morrison (Nieces & Nephews)
06	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	First Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masses

HOMEBOUND If you would like Communion brought to you at home, or have someone in the hospital, please notify Father.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH? If you are new, we welcome you and would like to get to know you.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you want put in the bulletin to the Fowler Rectory, or call the Dewells (646-5300), or email [@stanthonyfowler@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com) no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Wed., Mar.2nd, 12:05 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EXTRA. ORD. MIN:

USHERS:

GREETERS/GIFTS:

MUSIC MIN:

ROSARY: I

COLL. COUNTERS:

PLAINS – Wed., Mar.2nd, 7:15 pm

LECTOR: Jerrilynn Woods

SERVERS: Dianna O., Hayes S., Bob K.

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS: Butch Amerin & Greg Donahue

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Teresa Garza

MONEY COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Wed., Mar.2nd, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Volunteer

SERVERS: Volunteers

EUCH. MIN: Volunteer

MUSIC MIN:

GREETERS/ GIFTS: Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS:

ROSARY: Volunteer

PLAINS – SPANISH, Mar.6th, 1:00 pm

FOWLER – Sun., Mar.6th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Rhonda Milford

SERVERS: Heath H., Karson W., Braian V.

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Kevin Milford

USHERS: Luke Huelskamp, Nathan Leis

GREETERS/GIFTS: Luke & Mattie Huelskamp

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Jan Brock

ROSARY: Kevin Milford

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Sun., Mar.6th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein

SERVERS: Roberto S., Hayes S., Nefro S.

EUCH. MIN: Mary A.

GREETERS: Butch A., Greg D.

MUSIC MIN: Martha S.

ROSARY: Vern K.

MONEY COUNTERS: Kathy J.

MEADE – Sat., Mar. 5th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Nick Borth

SERVERS: Sarah K., Kate P., Michael W.

EUCH. MIN: Audrey Flowers

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GREETERS/GIFTS: Koons Family

MONEY COUNTERS:

ROSARY: Volunteer

~~ **IF YOU CANNOT FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE** ~

You are welcome to bring your old palms to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket to collect them in the entryway. Thanks, frjim

LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community – and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the entryways of the Churches. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: The second reading teaches us to be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord. A great lesson for stewards

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$6,503.35	\$866.00	\$520.00
OFFERTORY:	\$49.00	\$322.00	\$207.75
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$355.00	\$.00
BLDG FUND:	\$220.00	OTHER: \$300.00	\$.00
ONLINE BLDG FD:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$21.50</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$6948.85	\$1,863.00	\$.75
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM: Dear people of the synod,

I watched a workshop, <https://vimeo.com/679286128/54cf609bfa>, presented by Engage and Flock Notes, neither programs that we use in our parishes, but we do have Formed and Catholic app that provide the content and messaging capability that these groups provide. I was very interested in their survey statistics that gave the 82 % as the number of disconnected Catholics in the US, allowing 7%, we used to call “preaching to the choir”, that donate the majority of time and resources to the Church and are present every Sunday and on the other extreme, a 11% of baptized Catholics who have disassociated themselves completely from the Church, leaving 82% in need of the New Evangelization. I hope our numbers are better, but they certainly are the drift of the times. How to invite, encourage, nourish the involvement, enlighten the faith of these “drifting away” Catholics has become the obsession of the Church, and is really the foundational reason of the Synod on Synodality.

Lent is the perfect time to “engage” those who have wavered in their faith practice, drifted away from the Church. The spirit of the Stations of the Cross in leading us into the Passion and Death of Christ is a staple of devoted Catholics. The Devotion of the Stations of the Cross have a central place in my Lenten season, not only private, but especially in the gathered parish.

But in addition to prayer, the Synod is encouraging us to “journey together” by listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I have inserted in our bulletin the invitation of Bishop Vincke and hope you will begin by sitting down at your family kitchen table and address the questions that he puts before us. You will also find in your bulletin the dates for zoom sessions in March lead by Sr. Francine, a Dominican sister of the Dominican Sisters of Peace from Great Bend. Judy Dewell and I joined the first opportunity on this past Tuesday and found it most interesting to hear from the participants, but unfortunately all came from the 7 percent of active and dedicated faithful, not from the peripheries as was hoped by Pope Francis.

The idea is to share what you have discovered in your dialogue with the universal synod by sending a summary statement to gpaz@dcdiocese.org. I will continue to try to visit family homes, but with the Lenten season, that will become more difficult, Saturday nights at Meade, Monday nights at Fowler, Friday nights, except for the first Friday, at Plains. Look for the sign-up in the back of the church.

Let us journey together! Fr. Jim

The Chrism Mass is Tuesday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m. in Dodge City, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Contact Fr. Jim at 620-575-5520 if you are interested in representing our parishes!

PLEASE PICK UP A RICE BOWL AND REMEMBER TO GIVE ALMS FOR THOSE MOST IN NEED!

Prayer to Begin CRS Rice Bowl: Lord Jesus, you call us to a conversion of heart during Lent, and you give us the tools to do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When we pray, help us remember the needs of our sisters and brothers. When we fast, help us offer our sacrifice in union with you, when we give, help us recognize our gifts are from you so that we are generous with others.

May our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl enable us to follow you more faithfully and love our neighbor more fully. Guide us throughout these 40 days so that we may be joined more closely to you when we arrive at the joyful celebration of Easter.

Appeal from Pope Francis: My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the Diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

SCRIPTURAL STUDY at the Forst Center in Meade; it begins on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM, but is available on Zoom by emailing diekerjames@gmail.com

Announcements for Plains

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with the PSR students. There will be Stations at 9:00 a.m. after the Friday morning Masses during Lent. On Fridays at 5:30 p.m., there will be Spanish Stations of the Cross before the Spanish Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 2, is at 7:15 p.m.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES On Wednesday, March 23rd, 5:30 p.m. Plains 2nd Grade Class; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Plains PSR; 7:00 p.m. Plains Community.

Announcements for Meade

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 2, is at 5:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be at 12:05 p.m. each Friday during Adoration.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE: Sunday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Meade.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the family and friends of Jesse Saucedo. Our prayers are with you and also with Jesse. May he rest in peace.

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: on Ash Wednesday, March 2, is at 7:30 a.m.; 12:05 p.m. Mass & Distribution of Ashes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on every Monday, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please Come!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the family and friends of Larry Wenta. Our prayers are with you and also with Larry. May he rest in peace.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE: Sunday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. at Fowler.